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SUBJECT: INECEL/FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

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1. WE ARE PLEASED THAT INECEL PROGRAM GOT UNDER WAY IN FY 76 AND WOULD WELCOME ADDITIONAL INECEL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR FY 77. FOR REASONS GIVEN BELOW WE DO NOT CONSIDER IT FEASIBLE TO EXPAND FY 76 PROGRAM.

2. AS INDICATED POINT ONE OF REF (A), ONLY TWO OF 20 INECEL/FULBRIGHT CANDIDATES WERE JUDGED QUALIFIED IN SCREENING IN ECUADOR TO BE CONSIDERED FOR U.S. STUDIES. IIE DEC. 16 LETTER TO VALVERDE NOTES THESE TWO ARE ACADEMICALLY WEAKER THAN OTHER ECUADOREAN CANDIDATES. THEREFORE THERE ARE NO SUITABLE ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES AVAILABLE.

3. IT IS BASICALLY TOO LATE TO BEGIN NEW INECEL ARRANGEMENTS NOW FOR FY 76; IIE PLACEMENT EFFORTS ARE UNDER WAY AND IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO RECRUIT OTHER BETTER QUALIFIED INECEL APPLICANTS. ALSO DEPT HAS NO FUNDS TO SUPPLEMENT INECEL CONTRIBUTION AND IN VIEW OF BUDGET

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CUTBACK WILL NOT HAVE ANY.

4. PLEASE ASSURE INECEL OF OUR APPRECIATION FOR THEIR
CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT PROGRAM AND OF OUR CONTINUED
INTEREST IN WORKING WITH THEM.

5. NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN ON FY 77 STUDENTS. KISSINGER

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